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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION GENEVA INFO SECSTATE BUJUMBURA
BRUSSELS JUNE 14, FROM KIGALI REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

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SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR UNHCR

PASS FOLLOWING TO HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

1. QUOTE HAVE JUST SEEN MINISTER DEFENSE AT HIS
REQUEST WHO DEEPLY WORRIED CRITICAL SITUATION
MOUNTING IN RILIMA.
2. ON ONE HAND BURUNDI ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION
ARMING RWANDESE TUTSI REFUGEES TRAINING AND MASSING
THEM NEAR BORDER ESPECIALLY PLACE FEW KILOMETERS
FROM BUGARAMA. ON OTHER HAND EVIDENCE ACCUMULATING
BARUNDI HUTU REFUGEES ONCE MORE PREPARING EXCURSION.
3. HE WISHES: PRIMO REMOVE WITHIN NEXT TWO OR

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THREE DAYS IF NECESSARY " MANY MILITARY" (SOME
THREE HUNDRED SINGLE MEN HOPEFULLY INCLUDING MOST
OF RINGLEADERS) AND TAKE THEM TO NYAGATARE TO BE
PUT TO WORK ON CONSTRUCTION STAGING CENTRE FOR REST
FROM WHERE THEY WILL BE SETTLED ON LAND.

4. SECOND ME TO INFORM BURUNDI AMBASSADOR OUR
PLAN TO TRANSFER PROJECT TO MXUTARA AND OF PENDING
FIRST TRANSFER.

5. GOVERNMENT WELL AWARE DANGEROUS THREAT TO PEACE
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD (A) BURUNDI INTERPRET
PRESENCE INCREASED NUMBER OF SOLDIERS TO SEAL OFF
BORDER AS SUPPORT FOR INVADING REFUGEES AND (B) IF
INCURSION THIS SIDE BE COUNTERED BY INCURSION FROM
OTHER SIDE. AGREE TO THIS VIEW ESPECIALLY AS SUCH
EVENTS MIGHT WEQLL PROVOKE MOST SERIOUS INTERNAL
UP HEAVALS.

6. BELEIVE THEREFORE MEASURE REMOVAL INDISPENSABLE
BUT ALSO WOULD ADVOCATE SOME INITIATIVE UN OR OAU
OR OTHER ON DIPLOMATIC FIELD TO ATTEMPT DE- FUSE
CRITICAL POTENTIAL. WRIGHT UNQUOTE. CORRIGAN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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